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FACTS & FIGURES

Apprenticeship programs range from one to six years and are offered in approximately 1,000 occupations. A Registered Apprenticeship (RA) provides on-the-job training, related technical instruction, incremental wage increases as skills are attained, and, upon completion, nationally recognized certification in the chosen career area.

Apprentice programs are delivered by sponsors: employers, employer associations, and labor management organizations.

[“An Effectiveness Assessment and Cost-Benefit Analysis of Registered Apprenticeship in 10 States”](#), a 2012 study by Mathematica Policy Research, found:

RA participants had substantially higher earnings than did nonparticipants. The benefits of the RA program appear to be much larger than the costs.

NEWS & MEDIA

Washington Post Op-Ed: Apprenticeships could help U.S. workers gain a competitive edge By Stuart E. Eizenstat and Robert I. Lerman (5/3/2013)

Excerpt: “The central answer to the mismatch between jobs and employment is a 21st-century apprenticeship program.

“...Apprenticeships could help reduce youth unemployment, widen opportunities for young people who do not want to sit in class all day and help ensure that the potential resurgence in manufacturing is not thwarted by a mismatch of skills.”

Arizona forecaster slashes jobs projection for this year. Lower jobs number comes amid other positive signs.

KPNX/azcentral.com, Brahm Resnick (5/9/13)



MWC's Tina Luke, Program Supervisor at its East Valley Career Center (left), explains people are getting jobs, noting those who were recently laid off are finding jobs more quickly. MWC customer Simona Bender (right) explains her recent job search tactics.



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*Collaboratively providing workforce
solutions to businesses and
individuals throughout
Maricopa County.*

PARTNER ITEMS

WIA supported 2013 Youth Work Experience Program

Businesses willing to support the education and training of our future workforce are encouraged to participate in the 2013 Summer Youth Work Experience program! Making an investment in our community's future workforce is not only wise but easy and cost effective. MWC/PWC collaborate with area youth services providers to offer work experiences and employment opportunities to our community's greatest natural resource...our youth! Getting involved is easy call (602-506-4927) or [click today!](#)



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Inaugural Employer Engagement Events

Two employer engagement events were hosted at MWC Career Centers in April. MWC Executive Board members, Tina Huff and Shellie Frey, emceed the events. MWC's Randee Reider and PWC's Pam Lindley highlighted the services and successes of the local workforce areas efforts in meeting employer needs. Fred Coon, founder of Stewart, Cooper & Coon and author of *Ready...Aim...Hired!* keynoted on behavioral interviewing techniques and leveraging LinkedIn for job searches. More than 70 business representatives attended events; 15% wishing to immediately partner with the local workforce investment areas to assist with their recruitment and retention needs.



Local Workforce Investment Areas engaged in hosting and promoting job fairs and recruiting/hiring events — Please check the link frequently for updates -- [Recruiting Events & Career Opportunities](#)

Contact a director of a local workforce investment area to schedule a tour or discuss workforce issues.

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MWC and PWC focus on increasing the wealth of individuals, businesses, and the community by identifying labor market needs to develop effective, innovative responses to meet the ever changing industry demands.

Please visit the valley's comprehensive WIA One-Stop Career Centers.
We'd enjoy showing you what we do!

Equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. MWC/PWC products and services are made available through federal funding provided by the Workforce Investment Act; serving employers by aiding job seekers, adults, dislocated workers and youth.



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